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TAGS: <u>EAIR ECON RS</u>
SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO CONVEY HELICOPTER FLIGHT INFORMATION

- 11. This is an Action Request see para 3.
- 12. Two U.S. citizens have requested USG assistance in transmitting their private request for flight clearance to the Russian Federal Air Navigation Authority (FANA). These individuals seek to circumnavigate the globe by helicopter and so must fly to/through Russia. The Department has consulted with L and post is authorized to convey to the Russian Government the itinerary and supporting documents (emailed directly to FAA/Moscow) regarding this flight under cover of a diplomatic note, as requested by the GOR.

¶3. Begin Text:

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honor to provide, as a courtesy, the attached information regarding the proposed travel of two private American citizens who wish to circumnavigate the globe (including across the Russian Federation) by helicopter. The United States has not made special inquiries, but is not aware of derogatory information on these individuals, who have requested we forward their information to you. The United States Government is neither a sponsor of nor responsible for the trip or the pilots. If you desire additional information concerning the trip, you should contact the individuals directly.

Complimentary closing.

End Text. RICE